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HAMPTON ANNOUNCES RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RJ Hampton is seeking to represent the 3rd District on the Board of County Commissioners. A member of the Republican Party, Hampton is looking to fill the seat Steve Kiss currently holds for the northern end of Pend Oreille County. Kiss has served two terms but recently he announced he will not seek another term.

“This election is not about the next four years, it is about the next decade or more,” Hampton said. “We need to attract new businesses that are compatible with our natural resources, yet we must remain flexible enough to accept other manufacturing and light industry that meet with our County vision.”

Hampton has worked in government finance the last seven years. Prior to that, he spent 16 years as a small business owner.

“I’ve spent my whole life in rural America and nothing would please me more than to be part of a team devoted to making Pend Oreille the best place in the State to work, raise a family, and live a high-quality life surrounded by nature and good neighbors.”

When asked about his specific priorities if elected, Hampton outlined, “Jobs, tourism, and infrastructure. These are three things that go together hand in hand.” Hampton is optimistic about the future. “There are some very passionate people in this County who are ready to see positive changes happen. I feel very confident that, with public participation and feedback, we will be able set some achievable goals to bring about the right kind of controlled growth.”

Hampton welcomes questions about his campaign at (509) 844-5602 or ronjameshampton@gmail.com. Those who are on Facebook can find Hampton’s political page under facebook.com/rjhamptonjr. Candidate filing week in Pend Oreille County is May 11-15. The primary election is August 4. The general election is November 3.



PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON DRAFT PROPOSED ACTION: SXWUYTN-KANIKSU CONNECTIONS “TRAIL” PROJECT

The public is invited to review and comment on draft proposed actions during the scoping period for the Sxwuytn-Kaniksu Connections (Trail) Project opening soon. Sxwuytn (s-who-ee-tin) is a Kalispel Salish word that translates to "connection" or "trail." Kaniksu Connections acknowledges the building and strengthening of connections and relationships across landscapes and boundaries, thus its nickname "Trail."

This cross-boundary project is located north of Newport, east of the Pend Oreille River and stretches north to include the Mill Creek watershed. Partnering with other landowners such as the Kalispel Tribe and the WA Department of Natural Resources, the Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District proposes to restore the resiliency of forests and aquatic ecosystems in this landscape.

Private landowners in the area and members of the public attended six workshops and a field trip over the past year, providing the Project Team with important insights and concerns. This "all-hands/all-lands" effort demonstrates an innovative approach to ecosystem management. By working together across these 90,700 acres, the Team proposes thinning and creating openings in the forest, along with reducing fuel loads to reduce the risk and intensity of uncharacteristic wildfire and improve wildlife habitat.

Decommissioning roads and fixing sedimentation sources would improve water quality and fish habitat. A recreation collaborative has identified and prioritized improvements and trail additions to be considered.

The Forest Service requests your input on these proposed actions which are all located on lands managed by the Forest Service. Comments are due Feb. 24, 2020. Detailed project information and other ways to submit comments are available at the two websites listed above. Electronic or written responses are invited. Printed copies of documents are available upon request by calling the District Office at 509-447-7300.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

Please take notice of a special informational workshop meeting for the Town of Cusick’s water treatment plant operators, Cusick water users, and Cusick town council members as to the process involved in the possible transfer of the water treatment plant to Pend Oreille Public Utility District No. 1 (PUD) on Monday, February 3, 2020, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Cusick Town Hall, 105 1st Ave, Cusick, WA 99119. Cusick’s water operators will present the information.

Following this special informational meeting, there will be a hearing on, and public testimony taken, on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 6:14 PM at Cusick Town Hall, 105 1st Ave, Cusick, WA 99119.

Questions may be directed to Cusick Town Hall at (509) 671-9008.

METALINE FALLS TOWN MEETING UPDATE

At the January 14 meeting of the Town Council of Metaline Falls, Mayor Tara Leininger was proud to swear into office re-elected Council Members John Kinney, Sam McGeorge, and Jerry Weaver. That done, the meeting included reports from Sheriff Blakeslee, County Commissioner Steve Kiss, and Fire District 2 Chief Chris Haynes. Committee reports were rather quiet as the winter months tend to be less busy.

The committee chairs are: Roger Aydelott, Fire/Law/EMS; John Kinney, Wastewater; Fran Maxwell, Personnel; Sam McGeorge, Parks and Buildings; Jerry Weaver, Infrastructure. Mayor Leininger had a final wrap on the “Deck the Falls” events, which was again successful. Maintenance Director Neil Bennett and Clerk-Treasurer Renee Kendrick gave reports for their respective work. The minutes from the December meeting and the financial reports were reviewed and approved.

The next meeting of the Metaline Falls Town Council will be on February 11, 2020 at 6:00pm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Change is inevitable...please confirm the event prior to attending. These events are listed free of charge to the host. Send your what-when-where to info@selkirk.sun.com. This list is also posted on Facebook.

Special

Jan 30
National Croissant Day & Mango, Language Tutoring
Ione Public Library

6-8pm Science of Snow Water Forecasting
900 W 4th, Newport
(541) 678-1144

Jan 31
12pm Photography Contest
The Cutter Theatre
Metaline Falls
(509) 446-4108

Feb 1
10am-2pm Time to Plan Your Garden
The Cutter Theatre
Metaline Falls
(509) 446-4108

Feb 3
12-3pm RG*NEW Annual Public Meeting
900 W 4th, Newport
(509) 447-7958

3:30pm Auditions
Missoula Children's Theatre, The Cutter Theatre
Metaline Falls
(509) 446-4108

6-8pm Cusick Special Meeting, Water Treatment Plant Transfer
(509) 671-9008

6:30pm North Chamber Social Hour
7:30pm Public Meeting
Ione Public Library
800-295-0671

Feb 7
12pm Cooking Class for Tweens/Teens
Calispel Valley Cusick

5:30pm Meet & Greet of Photography Contest
The Cutter Theatre
(509) 446-4108

7pm Wendy & Peter Missoula Children's Theatre
The Cutter Theatre
Metaline Falls
(509) 446-4108

Feb 8
2pm Wendy & Peter Missoula Children's Theatre
The Cutter Theatre
Metaline Falls
(509) 446-4108

Feb 10
10am Foster Parent Orientation
1600 W 1st St, Newport
RSVP (509) 359-0874

Fitness

Jan 31
9am Zumba
Ione Catholic Church
(509) 954-9071

Feb 4
8:30 am TOPS Club Weigh-In
9am Meeting
Rural Resources
208 Houghton, Ione
(509) 442-4425, -3223, -3798 or -3925

12-12:30pm Habits of Health
Camas Center Physical Therapy Room
(509) 447-7204

6-7pm Kempo Karate Ages 3-11
7pm-8pm Kempo Karate Ages 12 through Adult
Rural Resources Center
201 Houghton, Ione
(425) 418-7757

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Recurring

Feb 3
1:30pm County Commissioners Mtg
County Courthouse
Newport
(509) 447-4119

Feb 5
7pm Ione Town Council Mtg
(509) 442-3611

Feb 7
11am Senior Lunch
House of Hope
Ione
(509) 442-3618

Feb 10
7pm Cusick Town Council Mtg
(509) 671-9008

Feb 11
6pm Metaline Falls Town Council Mtg
(509) 446-2211

Feb 12
5pm Riverside Cemetery Mtg
Ione
(509) 442-3611

7pm Metaline Town Council Mtg
(509) 446-4641

Feb 13
10am North County Photo Club
Education Bldg of Ione Baptist
reedkarenkay@gmail.com

MUSIC AND ART AT CREATE

Carl Rey and Truck Mills return to Create Arts Center for a CD release concert, "Old Dogs, No Tricks", on Saturday, Feb 29, at 6 pm. Their guitars, vocals and harmonicas bring blues, jazz and reggae back to the stage for this special event. If you missed the first one, this is your opportunity to hear these amazing regional performers. The concert will make you tap your feet and move to the music. Advanced tickets are \$12 and \$15 at the door. You can purchase tickets at Create, 900 W 4th, by mail (PO Box 1173) Newport, WA 99156 or on-line at createarts.org

February classes include the on ongoing Art after School for ages 7 – 12 from 3 – 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Arts, crafts, sewing, drawing, painting, music and more are taught.

Dora Grantsky will instruct the basics of rock painting. Embelish this common item with flowers, designs or critters. Use your imagination. Saturday, February 8, 1 – 3 PM. All materials are provided for this \$10 class. Pre-registration required.

Weezil Samter's Norse Weave copper wire weaving workshop is on Wednesday, February 12 from 3 – 5 PM. The class will weave thin copper wire on a dowel to develop a beautiful delicate chain. Registration is \$15. On Wednesday, February 26th from 3 – 5 PM, Weezil will teach Chain Maille, the wire art that armor is made of. This class is a 6 in 1 style. The class is also \$15, all materials are provided for both classes and pre-registration is required for each one.

See our ad on page 8 of this newspaper!

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204 E 5th Ave, Metaline Falls, WA
(509) 446-2424
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Drums & Thighs \$1.39/lb
Doritos & Cheetos 2/\$4
1-lb baby carrots 99¢
Lemons 2/\$1
Avocados 78¢ ea
Roma Tomatoes \$1.18/lb

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Saturday 9-2
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IONE
442-5050
For Appointments

Sonya Scaufaire
Owner, Operator, Chief Bottle Washer
PO Box 444, Metaline Falls, WA 99153
info@selkirk.sun.com www.selkirk.sun.com
1-844-THE-1SUN (1-844-843-1786)

MAKE NOTE

PETER AND WENDY AUDITIONS

Auditions for Missoula Children’s Theatre production of Peter and Wendy will be held on Monday, February 3 at 3:45 PM at the Cutter Theatre for performances on February 7th and 8th. All students, grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, are encouraged to audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Peter, his Shadow, Tinker Bell, and the Lost Boys; Wendy and her brothers John and Michael; their parents Mr. and Mrs. Darling with their faithful friends Nana and Liza; Captain Hook and his Pirate Crew along with the Crocodile; Tiger Lily, the band of Neverlanders and Neverland Creatures; and, carrying them to Neverland, a group of stormy Clouds.

No advance preparation is necessary. Students wishing to audition should arrive by 3:45 PM and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session.

Sponsor a child

Would you like to help introduce a child to the magic of theatre? We are offering an opportunity for you to help youth develop a healthy self-image and increase self-confidence and self-esteem. By sponsoring a child’s involvement in this 2020 Missoula Children’s Theatre production, you can do all that and more.

The fee for bringing the Missoula Children’s Theatre to the Cutter is over \$2,500.00. In order to afford this, we must ask each child involved to provide \$30.00 in tuition. Many families in our area will find this tuition a hardship. You can enrich the life of one or more of these children by providing a scholarship for them.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, or if you have any other questions, please call the Cutter office at (509) 446-4108.

NATIVE POLLINATOR CLASS

Learn about native pollinators in Pend Oreille County on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at the WSU/Pend Oreille County Extension Office at 227 Dash a S. Garden Ave. in Newport from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

The class, taught by Master Gardener Vicki Green, will include information about which native pollinators are found in our area, why they are important, and how to attract and encourage them to stay in your garden.

The fee for the class is \$5 per person for members of the community and \$3 for Master Gardeners. Bring a friend or spouse for an extra \$2. All funds raised from the class will be used by the local Master Gardener Foundation to cover costs for materials and to help provide gardening education programs to the community.

Register by calling (509) 447-2401 to provide contact information should the class schedule change.

WSU extension programs are offered without regard to race, sex, religion, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical, mental, or sensory disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and/or status as a Vietnam-era or disabled veteran. Persons with disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this program may call (509) 447-2401 at least 14 days before the program.



For our 20% off sale this week we are featuring a favorite that is FINALLY back in stock...Honeywood Plum wine! Made from succulent Italian Plums, this sweet fruity wine is so delicious, it is sure to become a favorite. Lacking the complexity of grape wines, tree-fruit wines are simple, easy sippers. You can enjoy plum wine with any food, but it’s built to compliment Chinese cuisine! If you haven’t tried it before, this is a great time to give it a road test.

It’s the LAST week of our 2020 Sale! I started with 20 items (valued between \$100 and \$200!), and have been selling each one for just \$20. I have a few left, so if you want to be the lucky buyer for that item all you have to do is send me your name and e-mail address (via social media, e-mail, website, phone or in person!) and I’ll put you on the list. It’s that easy! My remaining items will be posted on both Facebook and Instagram each morning through Saturday, so keep an eye peeled. :) Then, next week I’ll draw a winner from everyone who participated throughout the month for a final FREE item. You won’t want to miss it!

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SNOW WATER FORECASTING

Selkirk Alliance for Science is proud to announce the first presentation in 2020 for our Power of Science education series, titled Science of Snow Water Forecasting. Guest speaker Scott Pattee, Water Supply Specialist from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will speak on January 30, 2020, 6 p.m. at Create Art Center, 900 W 4th Street, Newport, WA.

The NRCS has responsibility to measure mountain snowpacks and estimate streamflows in the western United States. The Snow Survey Program is a complex scientific process that involves sampling design and methodology, data analysis, and computer modeling. End uses for snow survey data include water supply management, flood control, climate modeling, influences on recreation, and conservation planning. Washington state’s chief snow-water expert Scott Pattee will describe in lay-person terms how this essential service began, and how its evolution is influenced by experience and scientific technology.

This free presentation is open to the public. For more information, visit the www.selkirkscience.org homepage or contact Ed Styskel at 541-678-1144.

Selkirk Alliance for Science is a 501 (c)(3) Washington nonprofit organization of scientist volunteers and supporters who promote an increased understanding of the nature, value, and integrity of science to benefit our communities.

Please
Vote
By Feb 11

Ballots have already been mailed to registered voters residing in the **Selkirk School District**. Returned ballots must be postmarked no later than **February 11**
(Contact the county elections office at 509-447-6472 if you have not received your ballot.)

Voters may register up until election day. Contact the elections office for details.

For **Replacement Levy Facts** see the brochure sent to your home. Information is also available at www.selkirkschools.org or the school district office (446-2951).

Selkirk School District
2021-2023
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Replacement Levy

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2020
Veteran
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Reaching Out to Help

SATURDAY, JULY 18
Newport High School
8 AM to 2 PM

ALSO: Vietnam Moving Wall
Newport Cemetery
(adjacent to high school)
July 16 - July 20

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+ Housing

+ Employment
+ VA Benefits
+ Social Services

Enjoy a Free Lunch!

SERVICES
ANNOUNCEMENT

Services in honor of Jessica Roylance will be held this coming Saturday, February 1st, 11 AM.
The location is the LDS Church in the Spokane Valley at 14111E 16th in Spokane Valley.

RTI Scholarship Program

RTI gives several scholarships each year to students who exemplify the criteria of contribution to community and their future goals. To be eligible, your parent or legal guardian must be a subscriber to at least one of the following RTI services: Cable, Telephone, Cellular, or Satellite Internet.

You can find our application and requirements on our website at www.rtc.net
Submit to our office at 892 W Madison Ave
Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623
Email your application to Susan.Case@ruraltel.org
Deadline is April 23,2020

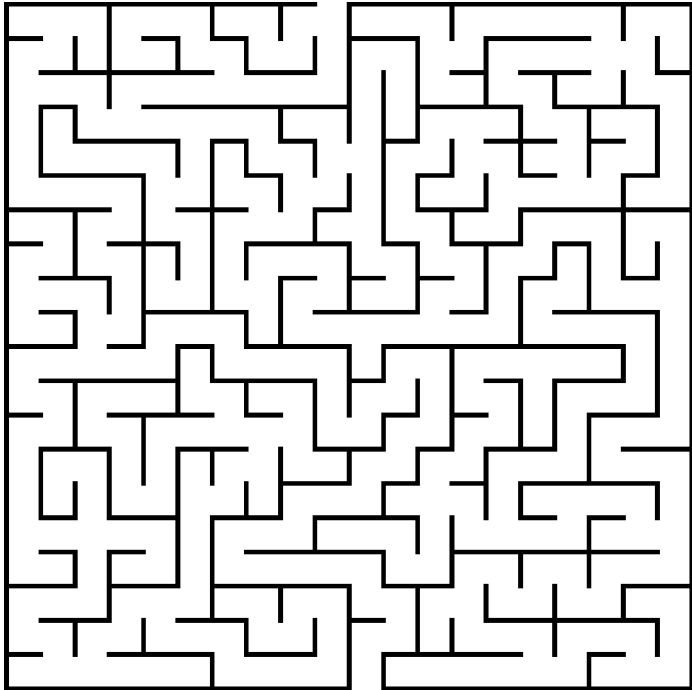
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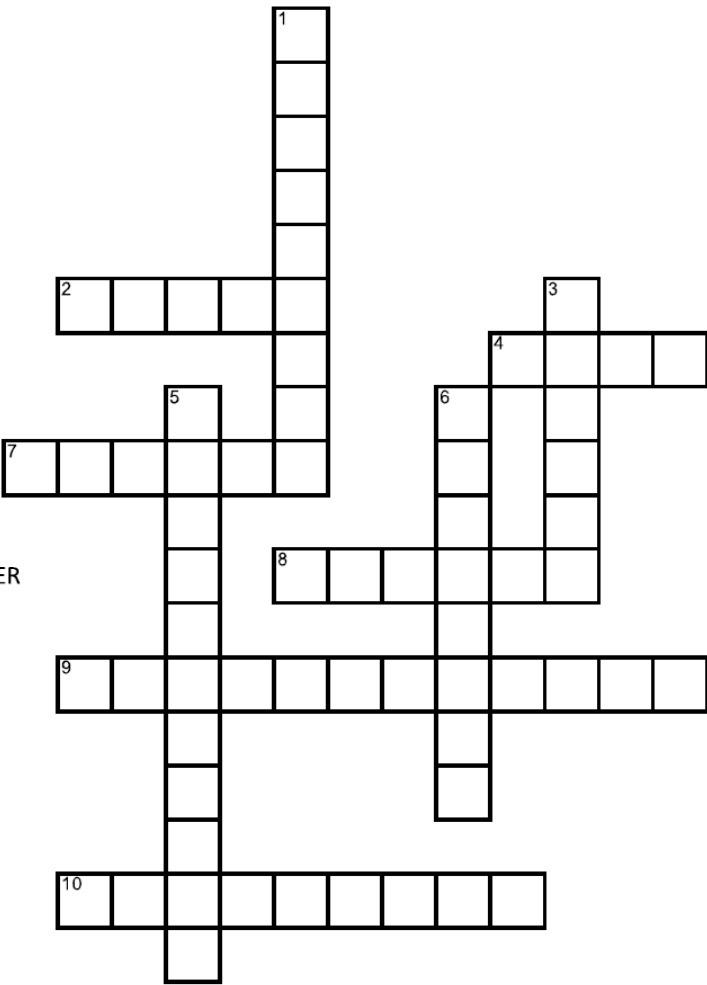
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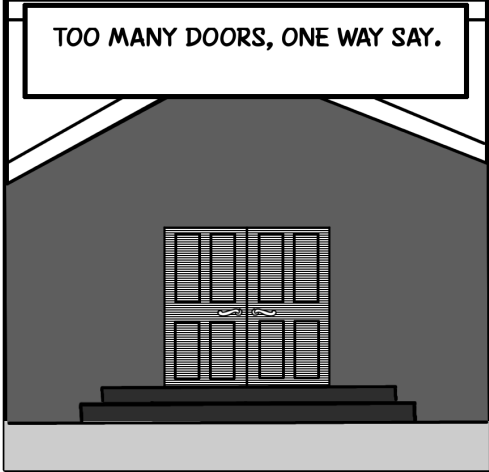
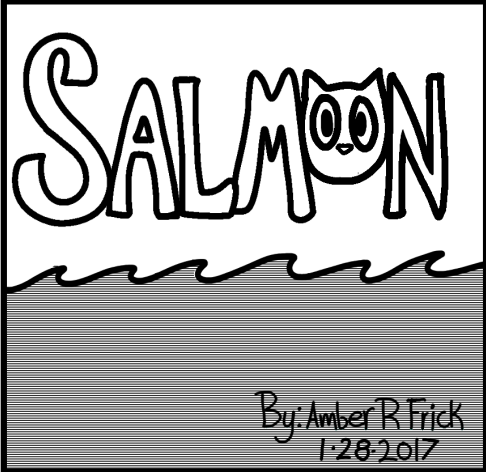


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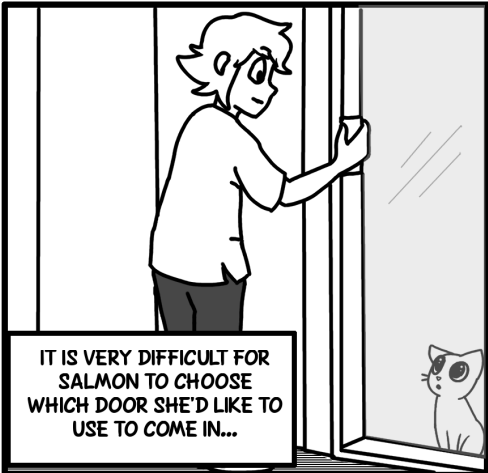
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4 FAMOUS GROUNDHOG
7 SEASON WHEN FLOWERS START TO GROW AND BLOOM
8 HOLE IN THE GROUND WHERE SOME ANIMALS LIVE
9 TOWN WHERE FAMOUS GROUNDHOG LIVES
10 ANOTHER NAME FOR GROUNDHOG

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3 WHAT THE GROUNDHOG MIGHT SEE
5 WINTER SLEEP OF ANIMALS
6 CURRENT MONTH



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STUDENTS HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

Students of the Selkirk School District paid tribute to Martin Luther King Jr at assembly on Thursday, January 16th. The following are the thoughts of the students themselves.

Martin Luther King Day is important to me because it represents the dream of equality and the pursuit and struggle for equal rights by the most influential civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. Who, through peaceful protests in the civil rights movement and moving speeches, changed the course of American history. Though facing violence and even being imprisoned in Birmingham Alabama, didn’t give up and continued to push for equal rights and fight against segregation and racism. He led the march on Washington and inspired over 200,000 people with his “I Have a Dream” speech, leading to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which ended discrimination in the workplace, as well as at public accommodations. King never let fear triumph and stood for what he believed in, a United States void of segregation, racism and violent protests.

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| Mary Kiss | | |
| My color is like a ticket to the upper class, We get put in categories and we can’t pass, The human eye is blind to inner beauty, Society judges color because they believe it’s their duty, But the refuse of moving seats change it all, And the world and humankind made ruckus fall, Martin Luther King sparked many people’s voices, And this began to change the world’s choices, Liberty and equality became more important, It also jump-started fairness endorsement, “I had a dream” made people think, And now it makes our hearts sink. | Martin Luther King Jr. was a person like everyone else. He spoke up when no one else would and changed the nation for the better. We could finish what he started to make our nation truly free and equal. | |
| | Brian Bashe | |
| | | You shouldn’t care about the color of someone’s skin. You should care about their feelings within. Their thoughts and opinions. The things they say. How they enjoy a summer’s day. History has a wound inside. But equality is a Band-Aid we can provide. With proper attention and care, We can heal the wound that our history has to bear. |
| Madison Chantry | | Sophia Huffman |

Equality to me is a way to embrace our differences and to let our similarities outshine our color of skin. The world gave us our wonderful colors. We should not hate, but embrace others, for we are all created equally. We are all different, but we are all the same in one way: we are people sharing the same loving arms as others. We, the people of the world. We shall fill our void of unfaithful hope with the love from our hearts. No longer should people be judged by their color of skin, or their different way of thinking, because we are all created equal.

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| Raelynn Sullivan | |
| On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. told us he had a dream. His dream has not come true yet. We have come a long way since then, but have not yet reached it. As long as we still treat each other badly for being different than ourselves, we still have work to do. Look at yourself, look to your left, look to your right. We are all human, right? So why do we do it? Why do we treat each other badly? We have all done it at some point, with or without thinking about it. What you can do now is think. Think about how to make this stop. Think about how you can make someone’s day better instead of bringing them down. Do something for someone else to put a smile on their face today. | |
| I have a dream we will truly be equal one day. | |
| Anonymous (<i>this one was anonymously submitted into Mr. Luken’s mailbox</i>) | |

The following were submitted, but were not read aloud at the assembly

Equality is important because we all bleed blood and we are all human. It is unfair that others are thought less of because they have a different skin color. We are equal whether we are white, black, yellow, or purple, we are all human. Our society needs to respect people, regardless of their color. We were all born the same way, so no matter of our race, we all matter.

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| Antonio Christensen | |
| There are reams of protestors, Achieving the dreams of black workers, Equality for all, Or society will fall, The future of our children, Rests in the hands of politicians. | Ignorant soul towards equality, Makes me question personality. What a sad boring life, White and color were not alike Individual equality. |
| Gavin Stark | Mailei Jungblom |

Equality is essential for a prospering country. If people discriminated, then families and individuals would not have any opportunities. Families would break up because they couldn’t support each other. Equality allows people to have opportunities and get higher powered positions within government. They could offer ideas to improve and strengthen our country. Equality makes people feel wanted and loved by society, instead of being cast out.

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| Bo Petrich | |
| Equality. | |
| What difference does the color of a person’s skin make? We are all humans. We breath the same, we eat the same, and we sleep the same. Our skin color doesn’t make us more athletic or more intelligent. We are all the same on the inside. We listen to the same music and eat the same food. WE are like M&M’s; on the outside, we’re different colors, but on the inside, we’re all the same. | |
| This student wishes to remain anonymous | |

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Can You Improve Your Relationship with Money

In your life, you will have all sorts of relationships – with your family, your friends, your co-workers, and even with civic groups and charitable organizations you support. But have you ever considered another key relationship – the one you have with *money*?

Of course, this type of relationship has several aspects, such as saving, spending and investing. And your fellow Americans clearly face some challenges in these areas. For example, in a recent survey by financial services firm Edward Jones, only 21% of respondents reported that they feel happy when thinking about saving money, while 92% said they see room for improvement in their financial health. Yet only one in four plan to improve their spending habits. Furthermore, just 26% said retirement was a top savings priority.

If you share some of these concerns, what should you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- *Identify your money-related emotions.* Try to recognize the emotions you feel in connection with saving and investing. Do you get nervous about spending? Does putting away money for the future give you satisfaction or not? Do you worry that you don’t know how much you should be investing, or whether you’re investing in the right way? Clearly, these types of questions can cause some anxiety – and, even more importantly, they may lead you to make poor decisions. Emotions are obviously closely tied to money – but they really should not play a big role in your spending, saving and investing choices.

- *Develop a financial strategy.* By developing a sound financial strategy, you can reduce money-related stress and help yourself feel empowered as you look to the future. A comprehensive strategy can help you identify your goals – a down payment on a new home, college for your children, a comfortable retirement, and so on – and identify a path toward reaching them. Your financial strategy should incorporate a variety of factors, including your age, risk tolerance, income level, family situation and more. Here’s the key point: By creating a long-term strategy and sticking to it, you’ll be far less likely to overreact to events such as market downturns and less inclined to give in to impulses such as “spur of the moment” costly purchases. And without such a strategy, you will almost certainly have less chance of achieving your important goals.

- *Get an “accountability partner.”* Your relationship with money doesn’t have to be monogamous – you can get help from an “accountability partner.” Too many people keep their financial concerns and plans to themselves, not even sharing them with their partners or other family members. But by being open about your finances to your loved ones, you can not only avoid misplaced expectations but also enlist the help of someone who may be able to help keep you on track toward your short- and long-term goals. But you may also benefit from the help of a financial professional – someone with the perspective, experience and skills necessary to help you make the right moves.

Like all successful relationships, the one you have with money requires work. But you’ll find it’s worth the effort.

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SXWUYTN 'TRAIL' - KANIKSU CONNECTIONS PROJECT UPDATE

A discrepancy was found between the Draft Proposed Action and the Draft Road Management table in reference to the number of road miles proposed for decommissioning, converted to trail and closed to non-administrative use.

The revised Draft Proposed Action and Draft Road Management table can be viewed online under the Scoping tab at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54315> and are dated 1/27/20.

The GIS layers, maps, and miles in the road management table are correct and did not need revising. There were a couple of minor errors in the Draft Road Management table where a road number was entered incorrectly and road miles had not been rounded up; these errors have been corrected.

| | Proposed Action | Road Mgmt. |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Road converting to trail | 6 | 3 |
| Decommissioning | 129 | 51 |
| Close road to public | 5 | 2 |
| Mixed motorized use | 34 | 34 |

LIBRARY RECEIVES CLEAN AUDIT

The Pend Oreille County Library District recently completed an accountability audit conducted by the Office of the Washington State Auditor. These audits are required every three years to ensure the District is complying with state laws and adequately protecting public funds and assets.

This audit examined the years 2016-2018 and it was determined that the District’s operations “complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.”

A complete report from this audit, and from past audits, can be viewed at www.sao.wa.gov.

Open Letter

from Metaline Falls Mayor Tara Leininger

DON’T WORRY ABOUT UPSETTING US: WE ARE “HEAR” FOR YOU

A week ago, I received a letter with some rather pointed complaints. It’s not that the complaints were either justified or not, it was that it was unsigned that bothered me. The writer was worried that there might be some kind of “retaliation” if the Town officials or its employees knew who had written the letter.

First, let me say that in a democracy such as ours, there is no need to be anonymous. Myself, your mayor, and your council members are elected by the voters in our Town to represent its citizens. This includes your praise or your concerns. I have always welcomed anyone who walks into the office or gives me a call at home. I may not always be as gracious as you like, and I may not be as fast as they would like in addressing an issue – and in fact may not be able to do as suggested (for any

number of reasons) – but the elected officials of Metaline Falls serve its citizens. There is a reason we are called “public servants”. I can honestly say that very few people have a problem letting me know what they think about any issue that involves Metaline Falls.

Second, the idea that we would “retaliate” is bothersome to say the least. If this is a realistic fear, I would want to know why that fear exists. I’ve been your mayor for almost twelve years and have never known anyone to have been unjustly treated for anything said or done. There may have been instances where tempers were hot or behavior not quite professional for the moment, but no one in Metaline Falls should ever feel that they are singled out for any reason of disagreement.

Your Town Council, your Mayor, and the Town employees are “here” for you if and when there is a problem, or when you have observed something that needs to be addressed, or if you just want to say “good job”. We also “hear” you when you speak to us. My thanks to the writer of the anonymous letter; just sign your name next time so you and I can talk face to face about your concerns. I hope we can address your problem in a fair and conscientious manner.

Let me know one way or another. When we talk, that’s a democracy in action.

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Over the years, we’ve had a lot of requests for tea. I’m so excited to say I finally got the very first tea in! It’s Matcha Ice Cream Green Tea by Pinky Up, and it smells AMAZING. (I have more flavors coming – this is just what arrived first. I was surprised to learn that the foil packets many teabags come in are completely unrecyclable, so I wanted to make sure we carried loose tea -- it’s so much more environmentally friendly! Of course, I also got stainless steel tea infuser balls in pretty gift packaging. I think tea would make a lovely gift!

My first Card Making class is this Saturday, February 1st, at 3:30PM. And I still have space! We’ll be using my favorite Stampin’ Up Paper Pumpkin kits, which are great because they contain everything you need to make a complete project. Come for this first class and make 8 - 9 great cards in different styles, all with a trendy succulent theme. It’s going to be a blast! The class is \$20+tax, and I’ll be providing a drink and snack to go with your craft project. Pre-registration is required, so please let me know if you want to come – 509-447-4416 or elin@newportflower.com.

Did you know that 64% of men do not make Valentine’s Day plans until February 12th? That’s just TWO days before the big day! Fear not – WE have been prepping for Valentine’s since Christmas! Our gorgeous handmade truffles have arrived, flowers and pretty blooming plants are on the way, and we’re making gift baskets and candy arrangements this week. Delivery slots are VERY limited on Valentine’s week, so we’d love to hear from at least 36% of you before the 12th.

So make sure you stop by to get a bottle of that great Honeywood Plum Wine at 20% off...and maybe snag an early Valentine’s truffle!"

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SUCCESS!



L to R: Jaden Hason, Alexander VanArsdall, Tristan VanArsdall, Brian Bashe, Josiah Van Meer Photo by JVA

SCOUTS PLACE 2ND AT REGIONAL RACE

Early, on a snowy morning of January 18, 2020, the Boy Scouts from Troop 9975 out of Ione, Metaline, and Metaline Falls, Washington, made their way to Camp Cowles located on Diamond Lake in Newport for the

annual Klondike Sled competitions.

Troops from all over the inland northwest were present to take part in the weekend-long festivities. Each Scout Troop or Pack pulled their sled throughout the camp, stopping at different “towns” along the way to collect “gold nuggets” for completing various Scout-related tasks.

Led by Senior Patrol Leader Alexander VanArsdall and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Jaden Hanson, the Scouts in several feet of fresh snow. Strategic decisions had to be made on whether to wait at a “town” for their turn to complete or to move onto the next town where there was no wait.

The Scouts earned a total of 74 gold nuggets by completing tasks in fire building, orientation, wilderness survival, bridge building, plant identification, black powder shooting, and more. Scout Josiah Van Meer was able to earn the Troop bonus nuggets by identifying which of two possible points on an orientation course was correct when the rest of the troop was stumped. Webelos Scout Tristan VanArsdall was also able to get a bonus nugget by being a Cub Scout and knowing the Outdoor Code by memory. Boy Scout Brian Bashe’s marksmanship with black powder rifles earned even more nuggets.

Overall, the Troop placed second in the newly formed Three Rivers District, which encompasses Stevens and Pend Oreille County, as well as all of North Spokane. The Troop was presented a plaque with an axe on it plus a ribbon for the Troop Flag. Each of the Scouts were presented a Buck Knife and a commemorative patch for their accomplishments.

The Boy Scouts of America’s goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. If interested in joining Scouts additional information can be found at beascout.scouting.org, or by talking to a local Scouter.

“TREE OF SHARING” GIVES THANKS

The “Tree of Sharing”, a local non-profit organization in north Pend Oreille County, reports that the 2019 holidays were made better for 21 families and their 52 children.

This was made possible through the generosity of private and business/corporate donations. There were 20 local individuals who filled “gift tags” with the gift requests. This is often done anonymously, and their generosity is paid forward by the smiles of the children they helped.

Thanks go to the Forgotten Quilters, St. Joseph Catholic Parish, the employees of Seattle City Light/Boundary Dam, and the North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club, as well as many individual cash donations. Thanks also go to the Tree(s) of Sharing locations: Falls Market, The Cutter Theatre, Mountain West Bank branch in Ione, Ione College Center, and Metaline Falls Town Hall. There were several “wrapping parties” where volunteers put to work a vast amount of wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows, and tags.

The “Tree of Sharing” cannot thank their volunteers enough. The “Tree of Sharing” serves the communities of Ione, Metaline, and Metaline Falls. The non-profit officers are Lynn Barnes, President; Trish Fairbairn, Vice-President; Kathy Grass, Treasurer; Tara Leininger, Secretary. For more information or to give to the 2020 gift season, contact the organization at PO Box 156, Metaline Falls, WA 99153.

FIRE STATION VISIT BY SCOUTS

On a late January visit to the Metaline Falls Fire Station the boys and girls of Cub Scout pack 975 became "acquainted" with the fire truck, water truck, ambulance, and fire boat housed at the station. They all were able to fit into the fire boat at once, and Chief Chris Haynes ran the light used for night rescues: then he ran the typical fire lights (flashing red and white), also part of the light bar on the boat. Members of the pack were able to check out the huge water tender truck, after which the fire fighters turned on the largest hose to spray water around the parking lot (so the Scouts could see how much water comes out at once). They learned that it holds 750 gallons.

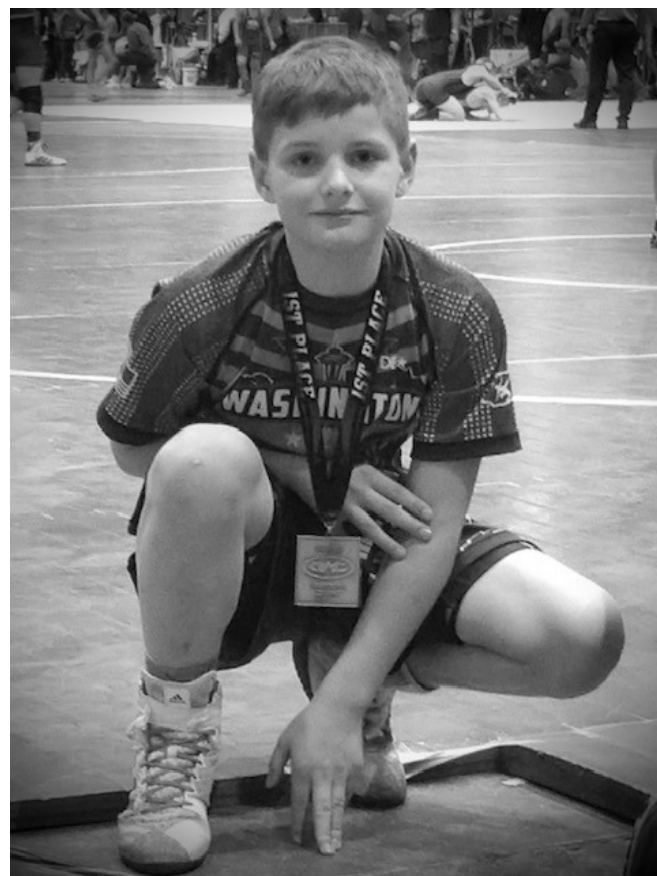
The Scouts went through the fire truck and its side compartments holding safety equipment needed in fires (including water for thirsty fire fighters). Because the fire fighters had been helping out passengers of a car stuck on this icy night, the field trip started slightly later than planned, so the Scouts did not get to see a fire fighter put on gear. Hopefully, this can occur at a Scout meeting in the near future. Four members of the fire department conducted the tour: Chief Chris Haynes, Jeremy Vlasak, Antonio Rubal, and Brian Ferrante.

Article and Photos (below) by Sally Noble



WRESTLER DUANE LESLIE TAKES GOLD

Duane Leslie, 4th grader at Life Prep Christian Academy in Newport, Washington is the 2020 Oregon Classic Wrestling 10U 105# CHAMPION that went on in Redmond, OR at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds and Expo Center.



The veteran grappler (above) won his first two matches by PIN at 1:59 and :59 respectfully. His 3rd match was won by decision 7-0 and his 4th and final - the Championship Match won by PIN at 1:30.

Typically wrestling up an age division and a weight class has allowed for stiffer competition preparing and leading up to Reno Worlds in April. "I've made some really good friends since I started to wrestle and my favorite tournament so far was the Pasco Christmas Clash back in December. I got double golds there in both 10U 105# & 12U 98#."

Leslie, who has been wrestling two years in little guys with Newport during their winter season has been competing in the USA wrestling travel circuit, often covering over 500 miles a weekend, since November after he wrestled with the Priest River Spartans during their fall season.

Currently the 9 year old travels to Post Falls and trains under Coach Abel Delarosa with Team Real Life.

The next tournament stop was January 25 in Spokane. When asked why that makes him smile, the young athlete quickly responded, "It's local, so it's like wrestling at home. But no matter where I wrestle, all glory goes to God."



Leslie brought home gold (above) in the 10U age division 105# weight bracket from The Winter Warrior Classic Wrestling Tournament held in Spokane at the convention center winning all of his matches by pin at :26, 1:39, and :26. Next weekend, Team Real Life travels to Deer Park.

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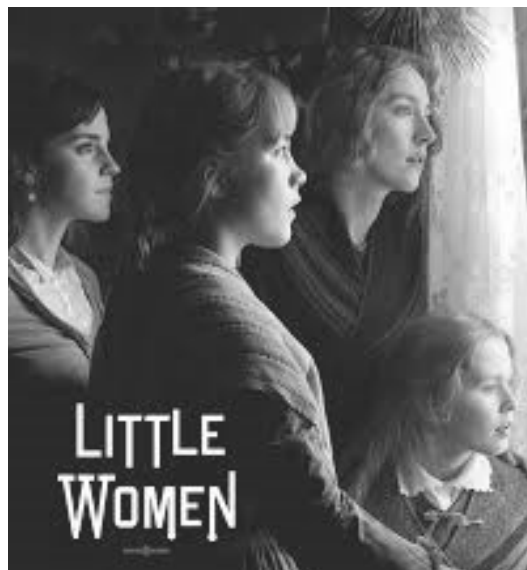
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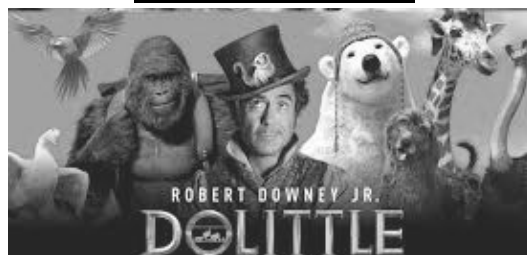
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